Introduced by:
Date of introduction:

Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier April 8, 2014

ORDINANCE NO. 14-031

AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 THE ANNUAL REVENUE ORDINANCE OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014

WHEREAS, it has been certified to the County Council that the total value of all real property in the County which has been assessed and is subject to taxation is \$18,358,011,996 net of tax abatements.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. A tax upon all of the real property in New Castle County is hereby established and levied at the rate of 24.36 cents for each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation (based on 100 percent of July 1, 1983 fair market value) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, to pay the costs of the General Operating Budget.

Section 2. A tax upon the real property in the following listed areas of New Castle County at the following listed rates for each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation is hereby established and levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, to pay costs under the Local Service Function Budget.

Location	Tax Rate in Cents Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation
Those portions of New Castle County not within any of the following incorporated municipalities	45.70
Arden	33.85
Ardencroft	33.85
Ardentown	33.85
Bellefonte	45.30
Delaware City	0.93
Elsmere	7.57
Middletown	0.93
Newark	0.00
New Castle	0.93
Newport	4.02
Odessa	12.04
Townsend	11.80
Wilmington	0.00

Section 3. A tax upon the real property in the light districts in New Castle County established pursuant to Chapter 21, Title 9, *Delaware Code*, is hereby established and levied for light districts at the following rates for each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015 to pay the cost of street and highway illumination:

Light Code	Light District <u>Installations</u>	Tax Rate in Cents Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation
	Incandescent Units	
1	Wood Pole	1.00
	Mercury Units	
A	Wood Pole	7.38
Q C	Metal Pole Ornamental Pole Colonial TC-100 Black Traditionaire	12.60 10.37
_	Traditionaire Black Traditionaire 70W	
T U	Limited Installation Turn of Century Acorn Arlington Granville Granville II	4.69 13.95

Section 4. The Crossing Guard Rates for the following School Districts are hereby established for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015.

Crossing Guard Rates	Tax Rates in Cents Per \$100 of <u>Assessed Valuation</u>
Brandywine (Area I)	2.145
Red Clay (Area II)	2.378
Christina (Area III)	2.668
Colonial (Area IV)	2.157
Appoquinimink School District	2.808

Section 5. Fees and charges not specified in this ordinance shall be heretofore or hereafter established.

Section 6. Fees, fines, forfeitures, penalties, assessments, charges, receipts and income, together with needed reserves and available cash balances, shall be included in the receipts of New Castle County as collected during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015.

Section 7. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* § 1156.

Section 8. The effective date for the provisions in this ordinance shall be July 1, 2014.

Adopted by County Council of New Castle County on: 5/27/14

President of County Council of New Castle County

Approved on:

County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This ordinance is the Annual Revenue Ordinance for fiscal year 2015.

Section 1 establishes a General Operating property tax rate in New Castle County.

Section 2 establishes the Local Service Function property tax rates in the listed areas of New Castle County.

Section 3 establishes the tax rates in the light districts of New Castle County.

Section 4 establishes the tax rates for school crossing guards.

Section 5 provides that fees and charges not specifically addressed in this ordinance can be established at some future time.

Section 6 provides that other receipts and funding sources, together with the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by County Council, shall be included in the revenue of New Castle County collected during fiscal 2015 to be used in accordance with the budget ordinance.

FISCAL NOTE: This ordinance proposes fiscal 2015 tax rates which in conjunction with other anticipated sources of revenue are estimated to yield sufficient revenue to balance the proposed fiscal 2015 Operating Budget.

This ordinance reflects Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance 14-031, which resulted in an increase in light tax charges by 3.0%.

These proposed real property tax rates applied to estimated taxable assessments and estimated quarterly additions (net of exemptions) are anticipated to yield approximately \$109,150,000.

The proposed light district tax rates, as cited in Section 3, are anticipated to yield revenues of \$5,526,979. These revenues are estimated to support direct street lighting expenses plus overhead.

The proposed school crossing guard rates, as set forth in Section 4, are anticipated to yield revenues of \$3,866,114. These revenues, together with the use of available cash balances, are estimated to support direct crossing guard expenses plus overhead.

This ordinance, as proposed, has no explicit fiscal impact upon the next two fiscal years as the rates are legislated annually by County Council.